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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary
National Foreign Intelligence Council

FROM: [Redacted]
Executive Director

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SUBJECT: Non-Concurrence with the Critical Intelligence Problem
Committee's Report Entitled Soviet Land-Based Mobile Missile
Study (OUO)

1. This memorandum responds to your request for comments on the subject report. This Agency believes that the best course of action is to leave the study in its current form and not publish it under NFIB auspices. [Redacted]

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2. The CIPC Mobile Missile report has provided some extremely useful information and resulted in increased Intelligence Community awareness of the enormity of the mobile missile problem. However, the report was drafted a year ago and the CIA demurral over six months ago. Since that time, our knowledge of Soviet mobile missile activities has increased. Intelligence Community sources and assessments have also been modified. Further, targeting and arms control concepts have changed so that the judgments in the CIPC's report must be reconsidered and modified if the report is to be completed formally. [Redacted]

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3. The fact is that this report has already had much of its intended impact. Much of the significant recommended work--including a major systems development study by the NRO--is already underway. In any case, if the report is to be published as an NFIB document, at a minimum, it needs major updating and revision. However, because the CIPC Mobile Missile Panel Chairman and first two Executive Secretaries are no longer available, and virtually all of the original panel representatives have changed, this would require a major effort. [Redacted]

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4. Both a year ago and particularly now--as things have evolved--our major problems are with the substance of the report. First and foremost, the key portions of this report--ranging from targeting to arms control--are out of balance with one another. Specifically:

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